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All judges and police officials in the Peiping area are now controlled by the Bureau of Investigation and Statistics of the Kuomintang or of the Ministry of National Defense. (Shanghai Note: It is not clear whether source means that some officials are controlled by the Party BIS while others by the MND or whether the Bureau in question is the Party BIS or the Investigation Section of the MND.) The reason for this control is that the chief job of such persons is to arrest and try persons who are suspected of being Chinese Communists. The better elements of the legal profession and police officials are afraid to take jobs as judges or police officials, as the Communists might make it difficult for these officials if they should gain control of Peiping. Hence, the better elements among the legal profession and the police are resigning their jobs and taking up other lines of work. This means that only persons already connected with the BIS of the KMT or the National Ministry of Defense will accept the responsibilities of being a judge or a police official.

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